seizes the respective leading edge 25 of the web of material 1, 14 from which then by cooperation of said knife 12 with said anvil bar 16 a signature is severed. During the engagement of said engaging bolt 27 with the respective web of material 1, 24 in the front area thereof a reliable cutting operation is guaranteed and an accurate positioning of said newly created leading edge 25 of the respective multi-layered web of material is maintained. Due to the force exerted upon the engaging board by the respective biasing or pretentioning element the outer surface of the leading edge of the web of material is prevented from opening-up during passage of the cutting zone 13. In this stage of rotation of the respective cylinders identified by reference numerals 19 and 32 the respective gripper element 17 is still shown in its retracted position identified by reference numeral 37. The force exerted by the pretentioning or biasing element upon said engaging bolt 27 is dependent on the thickness of the respective leading edge, on the respective thickness of the paper stock and of the number of ribbons of the web of material 1, 24 to be processed.

B1 (cont.)

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 1, 11, 13, 15 and 16 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A folder for printed products comprising:

a first cylinder having a surface and having knife assemblies assigned to the surface;

a paper-conducting cylinder having an outer circumference and supporting a flat material on the outer circumference;

B2 the first cylinder having a biased product seizing element assigned to the surface of the first cylinder, the biased product seizing element engaging said flat material received on the outer circumference of the paper-conducting cylinder so as to hold the flat material on the paper-conducting cylinder; and

at least one product gripper attached to the paper conducting cylinder for rotation therewith, the product gripper selectively extending beyond the outer circumference of the paper conducting cylinder to hold the flat material against the outer circumference.
